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### **NOVEMBER STILL A BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR FOR SHIPPING 3 LOCAL MANUFACTURERS SHIPPING MASSIVE CARGO THIS WEEK**

Utilizing the resources of the Port of Milwaukee and Dawes Crane and Rigging, Vision Logistics is moving 10 giant kiln shells and 3 riding rings from Milwaukee to the Seadrift Coke Plant in Seadrift, Texas. The Seadrift plant is the only stand alone, self sufficient coke plant in the nation and on the top five list of "green" plants. The plant will turn coal into a more combustible bio-fuel product to be used in blast furnaces and power plants.

The kiln sections were made at A.C. Equipment Services in West Allis, WI and the 18-foot wide rings were made at the Falk Corporation in Milwaukee, WI. The pieces weigh between 75,000 and 125,000 pounds each. The cargo was loaded Sunday, November 23rd, on two river hopper barges. Barging is not only more economical but also saves fuel by consolidating the entire project into one move instead of trucking or rail. The two barges will take 13 very large, oversized trucks off the roads between Wisconsin and Texas and a minimum of 26 escort vehicles required from each state. The transportation costs to move these large rings by the road would have been astronomical; barging from the Port will cut the transportation costs to the customer by at least half.



“The Port of Milwaukee has been pivotal in making this a smooth and seamless project cargo move, from Wisconsin to Texas” said Dave Henry, Manager, Vision Logistics based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Port of Milwaukee obtained the ability to move river barges between the U.S. Gulf ports and Milwaukee in 1993 after working with the U.S. Coast Guard.

“This is a great example of the importance the Port of Milwaukee’s transportation options that benefit manufacturers in our area. The City’s and the Board of Harbor Commissioner continue to find ways to get more trucks off the road in its efforts to promote green initiatives.” said Mayor Tom Barrett.

Also loading this week at the City Heavy Lift Dock, Vision Logistics will transport a massive mining shovel that was locally manufactured at Milwaukee-based P&H Mining Equipment. The mining shovel will leave the Port of Milwaukee via ocean vessel through the St. Lawrence Seaway and unload at the Port of St. Petersburg, Russia. The St. Lawrence Seaway system is open each year from mid-March to the end of December.

#### **About the Port of Milwaukee:**

The Board of Harbor Commissioners oversees the commercial Port of Milwaukee as well as the City of Milwaukee’s recreational lakefront areas. “The Port of Milwaukee” encompasses the lakefront area from Russell Avenue in Bay View to the Milwaukee Sewerage Treatment plant on Jones Island. The Port serves as the regional transportation and distribution center. It is ideally situated with water access to domestic and worldwide destinations via the inland river system and the St. Lawrence Seaway, rail access via the Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific railroads and immediate interstate highway ramps at the Port. The Port handles a diverse mix of general cargoes including steel, containerized cargoes, forest products, asphalt, petroleum products, fertilizers, heavy machinery and project cargoes such as windmills and turbines.